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## HOUSE BILL No. 1353

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DIGEST OF HB1353 (Updated February 2, 1999 9:48 am - DI 69)

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-14.

**Synopsis:** Modification of visitation orders in paternity cases. Provides that a court, when modifying a visitation order in a paternity case, shall not restrict a parent's visitation rights unless the court finds that the visitation might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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**Steele, Frenz, Dvorak, Barton,  
Foley, Saunders**

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
February 2, 1999, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 31-14-14-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. The court may  
3       modify an order granting or denying visitation rights whenever  
4       modification would serve the best interests of the child. **However, the**  
5       **court shall not restrict a parent's visitation rights unless the court**  
6       **finds that the visitation might endanger the child's physical health**  
7       **or significantly impair the child's emotional development.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1353, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

VILLALPANDO, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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